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Belgians Beat Back Boches

HEAVILY ON POSITIONS BETWEEN LOCON-ROBECO

Details of Fighting On Nieppe-Wytschaete Front Affirm Severity of Germans' Loss - Three Successive Strokes at Bailleul

South of Kemmel Hill, English Restore Line Pressed Back Earlier When Enemy Infantry Attacked in Three Waves—Local Efforts

(By Associated Press) London, April 18.—Southeast of Kemmel hill, on the northern battle front, the German forces pressed back the British line slightly, but the situation was restored by a counter-attack, the war office announces. During the night there was no

In the Bailleul sector the Germans made three attacks before noon yesterday, and in each case

of the British positions on the southwestern part during the night. The bombardment was still in

The statement reads: There has been no change on the itish front during the night. "The hostile artillery has shown great activity on the southern portion of the Lys battle front from Givenchy to east

of Robecq. A heavy bombardment of our position between Locon and Robecq was still continuing at dawn.
"Local attacks were repulsed by our troops yesterday evening in the Merris

sertor.
"More detailed accounts of the fighting of yesterday in the forest of Nieppe-Wytschaete front establish the severity of the enemy's loss. South of Wilson would make known his decision Kemmel hill the German infantry at- within the next few days. The decitacked in three waves and at one point pressed back our line slightly. In this locality the situation was restored by back our line slightly. In this a counter attack and shortly after mid-day the attack had been repulsed at all points. In the Bailleul sector the enemy attacked three times before midday and in each case suffered

complete repulse,
"Our line yesterday evening was reported intact on the whole front."

FRESH UNITS OF ENEMY EMPLOYED

With the British Army in France, April 18, 11 a.m.-(By the Asso-Press.)-The Germans hrought up fresh divisions for the hard thrusts which they made yesterday. Although the British were unable to hold Wytschaete and Meteren, which they had retaken by a brilliant counter attack, they heat off the enemy elsewhere. The beat off the enemy elsewhere. The British maintained their line throughout the night.

A renewed heavy bombardment of British front between Labassec cahal at Givenchy and the Nieppe forest suggests the Germans contemplate another heavy drive in this region in the hope of taking Bethune and creating MEC new sallent.

All the areas back of this section of the front were sprinkled with gas shells throughout last night. At 6 Michael Meresew- Edward J. O'Brien. o'clock this morning the bombardment ski. Frank J. Szolt. was nearly of drum fire intensity be-tween Locon and Robecq, where the enemy has tried repeatedly to advance

IN ALL-NIGHT DUEL

Canadian Army Headquarters.
April 18.—(By Canadian Press
Limited.)—All night long Canadian
guns, both heavy and light, have
been active against the enemy positions, shelling hostile batteries routes, railways and dumps, while time after time hostile infantry positions, assembly areas and com-munications have been swept with a harassing fire. Indeed, artillery activity recently has been the main feature on the Canadian front. There have been constant duels between our own and the enemy batteries. A considerable amount of gas has been used.

small projector gas hombardment against the enemy positions to which the Huns replied with gas shells but fery positions. That gas bombard ment was as successful as it was exteries engaged having been out of ac-

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., THURSDAY EVENING, APRIL 18, 1918.

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HOSTILE ARTILLERY FIRING

Repulsed.

Near Merris Put Down.

change in the British front.

suffered a complete repulse.

The Germans opened a heavy bombardment of the Lys battle front between Locon and Robeca progress at dawn today.

Solution of Fuel Situation Probable

(International News Service.) Washington, April 18 .- Strong intimations were made this afternoon that a solution of the fuel situation had been arrived at and that President Wilson would make known his decision sion, it is believed, will indicate that the fuel administration is right in its proclamation that the railroads should not be excepted from any price fixing not be excepted from any plant that applies to other war industries, such as steel.

Washington, April 18.-The cas-

ualty list today contained 72

names, divided as follows: Killed

in action, 12; died of wounds, 3;

died of disease, 5; wounded se-

The list named four officers.

Capt. James E. Miller was killed

in action. Lieut. Arthur B. War-

ren died of disease; Lieut, James

verely, 7; wounded slightly, 45.

Today's Casulaty List Embraces 12 Killed, 3 Dead of

Wounds, 7 Severely and 45 Slightly Wounded

Harry Smith,

Edward Britton.

Wm. R. Davis.

Geo. J. Duto.

M. W. Bartlett.

P. J. Bateman.

J. A. DeBard.

Leo Creteau.

A. C. Cullen. R. E. Edmunds. Ula R. Farmer.

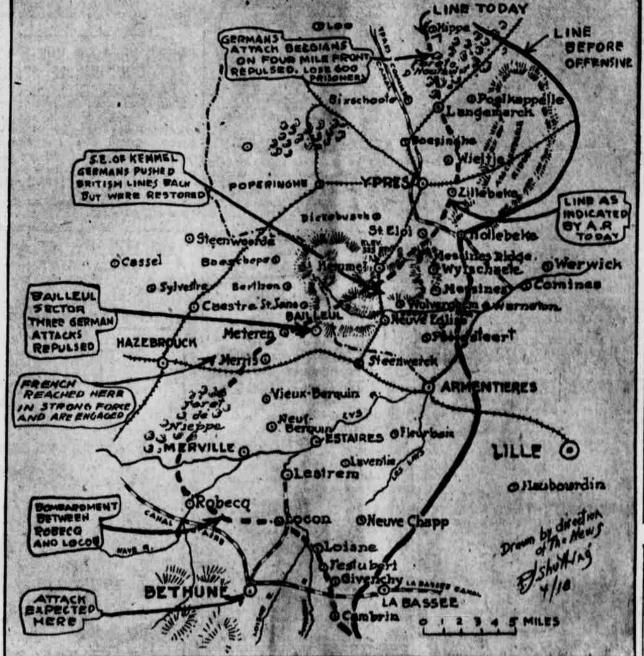
J. J. Gannon.

A. P. Gorman.

Joseph Bazinski.

W. M. Blackwell. J. D. Cooner.

TODAY'S BATTLE IN YPRES SECTOR



EARTH ROCKS WITH NOISE AND SHOCKS

(International News Service.) London, April 18.—Never has artillery fire reached such in-tensity as in the battle of Flanders. The same thing was said of the battle of the Picardy plains, but it has been sur-passed in the mighty engagenent raging along the Franco-

Belgian frontier. Night and day the massed cannon on both sides keep thundering, and the roar can b heard for a hundred miles. The earth rocks and trembles and the concussions are felt far behind the lines. It is a veritable earthquake of noise and shocks.

PRIVATES.

Wounded Severely

LIEUTENANT. James E. O'Toole.

PRIVATES.

Wounded Slightly.

CAPTAINI.

Nathanfel P. Brooks

SERGEANTS.

CORPORALS.

Wm. J. McCarron, W. K. Brennan. Orson S. Rathburn, Alfred P. Gorman.

PRIVIATES.

Bill Jures.

Jos. J. Kane

Arthur L. Lyons.

O. Patierno.

G. Peterson.

Robinson

Stewart.

C. R. Robinson.

Chas. C. Seeback

Jos, L. Sheridan.

Harold R. Sleeper

James P. Troy. Frank M. Vonnes.

lerry C.

TRAINS OF WOUNDED

GERMANS ALARMED AT

Flemish Towns Transformed

Into Military Hospitals-Red

Cross Overworked.

Washington, April 18.-The great

flow of wounded now passing

through Flanders in viewed with

alarm by the Germans, as related in an official dispatch from Am-

in an official dispatch from Amsterdam today. The towns of Courtral, Bruges. Ghent and other places have been transformed into military hospitals, the dispatch said, adding that at the front arrangements are inadequate and the fied Cruss service is not able to

fulfill its task. Many wounded it was said are dying in Red Cross

automobiles and wagons and on

sanitary trains

Chas. Newton.

Michael Fangori Victor C. Friese

Yagnas Perednea

Robts L. Candage, Orine Nichols,

U. S. SOLDIERS

Company Assists Neighboring French Redeem Posts.

VIOLENT GUNFIRE FACED note into the American trench. It read,

Young Corporal Hero of Sharp Conflict.

Later They Found Out.

company has assisted French and inflicting heavy casualties and

then strengthening the positions. A most pathetic story from the American lines is that of a young corporal who was wounded fatally after fighting for four hours. A piece of shrapnel struck bim in the head. He had a grenade in such hand. Giving them to his companion, he said, "I guess I'm done. Please write to my mother and tell her how it happened. But here—take these grenades, and for God's sake don't waste them." The corporal fell in a faint and died

was a space of only lifteen yards be before an attack, the Germans threw a

FAIR. SAYS BILLY 'POSSUM



Now the train ing camp is over. back to mother-hubbards, girls; lay aside penciled Eyewhoops, my dear, who cares for curis! Slip the ruse can rest, but let not forget.

night and Friday

LIEUT. PATTON, OF NEW YORK, AWARDED CROSS With the American Army in

France, Wednesday, April 17.— (By the Associated Press.)— York City, of the American army medical corps, has been awarded the French war cross for courage in treating wounded men while without a gas mask during a heavy bombardment of gas shells. The lieutenant found it was impossible to treat the wounded while wearing his mask. He took it off and con tinued to dress wounds until overcome by gas fumes.

What are you? Canadians or Austra-

Daring Deed Succeeds. "Come over and find out," was the

reply thrown back by an American sol-The Infantryman who related the incident added, "I guess they know who we are now and they will not be likely

to forget it for some time."

One lieutenant in a listening post with a small party of men was cut off from the remainder of the platoon in Friday's atack. He tried to send up rockets to signal an American barrage, but the rockets failed to work. vate then volunteered to oun back with a message. He passed through three lines of barrage fire without being harmed, and delivered the message. The American gunners laid down a barrage immediately and saved the lieutenant and his party from the hands of a superior force of the enemy, which was headed in their direction.

Every Man Like a Hero. With the American Army in France, Wednesday, April 17 .- (By the Associated Press.)-Commanders of units who participated in the several days of fighting last week in company with the French in the Aprement wood sector are finding it difficult to pick out men who especially distinguished themselves in the operations. One commander said that every man acted like a hero and it was hard to choose the most deserving cases. One of the most popular men with the soldiers on this sector is the Rev. Des Valles, a Roman Catholic priest of New Bedford, Mass., who is living with the men in an unofficial capacity, he having come to France as a representative of to France as a representative of the Knights of Columbus.

When the attacks began Father Des Valles, braving the dangers of shell and machine gun fire, went to the cas-ualty clearing station near the front line to administer to the wounded. He assisted in dressing the injuries of the soldiers and gave each man a word of cheer. He handed out cigarettes to the men who smoked.

"He's as game as they make them, and every inch a soldier," said a doughboy, while other soldiers spoke of the inspiration furnished by the priest

Tied Stretcher to Wrists.

Another popular man is a young banker of Springfield, Mass., who was pressed into service as a stretcher bearer. He was the smallest man in hope the outfit and after several trips be-out let came so exhausted he was unable to orget, hold the stretcher. He refused to give still up and had his companions the the nore worlds to conquer if you haven't stretcher to his wrists with rope so as anded yet. The weather? Fair and cooler to- the journey from the front line to the dressing station.

ANGLO-FRENCH DEFENSE PROOF AGAINST WAVES OF ATTACKING GERMANS

Reuters' Correspondent at Headquarters Declares Record Balances Heavily in Allies' Favor — Domination of Ridge From Kemmel to Wytschaete Object.

(Associated Press.)

Ottawa, Ontario, April 18 .- For the British infantry co-operating with the French in the northern battle area in France Wednesday was a "strenuous day," a Reuter's dispatch received here today from headquarters in France

day was satisfactory, the balancing heavily in our favor," the dispatch adds. "The German waves dashed against our in half a dozen places, but only at Beaver hill did they force counter attacked and regained.

heaviest onslaughts occurred

tem from Kemmel hill to Wytschaete Kippe.

While the Germans have not made any definite kains, their losses have been

Anticipated Enemy Move.

Our gunners, anticipating the enethem a warm reception. When the German infantry advanced the great cemetery in the cockpit of Europe gathered another ghastly tell.

The German attack against the Belpeciallyy noteworthy. In this stage of tense night-long bombardment was probably counted upon to forestall all away the Germans in confusion and brilliant victory was on a stretch of six doubtedly domination of the ridge sys- kilometers between Langemarck and

AMERICAN ENGINEERS OFFICIALLY COMMENDED

With the American Army in France, April 18.—(By the Associated Press.)—Reports from British commanders which have just been received at American army headquarters give the first definite information that American engiinformation that American engineering troops in large numbers were among the forces hastily assumbled from all branches of the service by Maj.-Gen. Carey for his improvised army which filled the gap in the line made by the Germans at the opening of their offensive last month. The American engineers were at work constructing and operating field railways and building bridges.

Three companies of an engineering regiment were caught in the early bombardment and ordered to fall back. To one of the American companies

To one of the American companies which had been consolidated with the British reyal engineers was delegated the task of guaranteeing the destruction of an engineers' dump which it had been decided to abandon. This detachment destroyed all the material, made a rapid retreat, caught up with the larger group and immediately resumed work laying out trenches. These operations lasted from March 22 to 27. As the German attack became more intense the engineers were joined by cooks, orderlies and railway men as a part of Gen Carey's forces. The com-manding officer of an American regiment took charge of an infantry sub-sector and directed the operation of his troops for one week until the emergebcy passed at that point.

To this officer Gen, Rawlinson com-manding the British army engaged in that sector, sent the following letter: The army commander wishes to record officially his appreciation of the excellent work your regiment has done in masisting the British army to resist the enemy's powerbeen largely due to your assist-ance that the enemy has been checked, and I rely on you to assist us still further during the few days which are still to come before I shall be able to relieve you in the

"I consider your work in the line be greatly enhanced by the that for six weeks previous to taking your place in the front line your men had been working at your men had been working at such high pressure, erecting heavy bridges on the Somme. My best congratulations and warm thanks to all. RAWLINSON." When the British general, H. L. Mullers, commanding a cavalry divi-sion, received from his superior con-

gratulations and thanks for the work of his command in beating off the en-emy he forwarded the following lefter to the commander of one of the American engineering units:,

To American Engineers. "As a United States engineering

battalion was fighting with the First cavalry division in the line on March the army commander's congratula-tory message applies to them equally with the units of the First cavalry division. It has been brought to my no-tice that the men under your command fought most gallantly alongside the British cavalry. I am most grateful to you and the unit under your command for the invaluable assistance you gave us on March 20, 1918. Please convey my thanks and congratulations to all

The reports of the gallant conduct of the Americans on the British front have caused Gen. Pershing to send the following letter to the engineering mnuander:

"The commander-in-chief has noted with great satisfaction the fine conduct of the officers and men of your regi-ment during the recent German offenas testified by British army commanders."

ITALIANS ROUT **ENEMY GARRISON**

offensive during the last

days. I fully realize that it has

Rome, April 18 .- "In the Area valley," says today's official statement, "a detachment of our troops attacked the hostile advanced post of Val Morbia, put the garrison to flight, destroyed the entrenchments and brought back a few prisoners. "Enemy patrols were driven back to the region of Corno Del Signori by ou effective fire. There was a simila happening on the Assago plateau after an encounter with a French party. "There was increased artiflery

tion on the Lagarina valley, in the Po-sina-Astico sector, on the Asiago pla-teau, and between Fossalta and Caposjie, "Yesterday we brought down The Bestish

"Yesterday we brought down five enemy airplanes. The British shot down eleven and compelled another to land."

VICE-PRESIDENT OF AIR

mmons today it was announced by Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, that Sir David Henderson, vice-president of the Air council, had resigned, following the resignation of Maj.-Gen. Trenchard, the chief of the air staff, on the ground that he would be unable to work with the new air staff chief, Gen. F. H. Sykes.

Oldest Member of House Of Commons Dead Belfast, Ireland, April 18.-Samue

Young, the oldest member of the bouse of cummons died here today. Young was 96 years old. He was protestant although he represented Catholic constinuency. He was an arnest advocate of self government for

Steamer A. A. Raven Sunk by Submarine

New York, April 18,-The American teamship A. A. Raven, a vessel of 155 tons gross register was sunk by submarine during the second week March, according to word received

COUNCIL RESIGNS in shipping circles here today, details of the sinking have been London, April 18.-In the house of crived,

CANADIAN GUNS ACTIVE

neither operation approached the magnitude of our heavy gas shell bem-bardment on April 8, in which over 3,000 shells were fired on hostile artiftensive, twenty out of thirty-two but-

E. O'Toole was wounded severely, and Capt. Nathaniel P. Brooks was wounded slightly. Killed in Action. M. H. McKenna. John M. Sorber. CAPTAIN.

MECHANIC. Ralph J. Spooner. PRIVATES.

James E. Miller.

CORPORALS, Henry L. Damon, Russell A. Hoyt.

ski, Frank J. Szolt. Reynold Nellson. Basil A. Timmons Died of Wounds. PRIVATES.

Roland E. Cole. Oscar Johnson. Died of Disease.

Jos. G. Ranger. Gustave Helps. LIEUTENANT. Arthur B. Warren, Jas. E. Hitchcock. Harry R. Sutton. E. L. Hollis. Elmer H. Tardix. E. L. Hollis. H. L. Jardine. SERGEANT. Ralph Wiranis. Ambrose Xavier Buyatte.

IN IRELAND ENDS IN RIOT Fifteen Thousand Attend Ses sion Called by Labor Party.

Police Pelted With Stones.

ANTI-CONSCRIPTION MEET

(Associated Press.) London, April 18.—Rioting at-tended the breaking up of an anti-conscription meeting in Belfast yesterday, according to a dispatch to the Danly News. Revolvers were used and baton charges were made by the police, who were pelted with paving stones. Virtually every plate glass window in the street was smashed.

Fifteen thousand people participates labor party. The trouble was precip itated, the dispatch says, by 200 young shipyard workers.

Twice in 24 Hours American

'What Are You?" Note Thrown Into Sammies' Sector Asked.

With the American Army in France, Wednesday, April 17.- (By the Associated Press.)-Twice in twenty-four hours an American troops in a neighboring sector to regain trenches temporarily taken by the Germans. The company was led by a captain who took his troops over the top in the face of the most violent machine gun and artillery fire. f Each time he succeeded in driving out the enemy

in a hospital the next day without re-

gaining consciousness.

At one point on this sector there tween the opposing trenches. A day

